



## Council Discussion of Letter Becomes a Shouting Match

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt's first council meeting of 2021, on January 11, reflected an extraordinarily high degree of discord. The shouting match itself was triggered when council was asked by resident William Orleans about a recent report in the MarylandMatters.org website in which five members of council disassociated themselves from a post the mayor had previously made to social media. (marylandmatters.org/2021/01/06/greenbelt-councilmembers-disavow-mayors-

comments-about-del-lewis/), Mayor Colin Byrd had posted a six-page document on Facebook criticizing Delegate Jazz M. Lewis, chair of the Maryland House Democratic Caucus. In his Facebook post, Byrd called Lewis a "total cornball brother who has no business representing Prince George's County or Black people at all."

The councilmembers who signed the letter objecting to the post included all but Councilmember Rodney Roberts – who

has stated that he didn't know about either the letter or the post by Byrd.

The concern of Orleans and Roberts focused on whether the five members of council signing the letter had held what amounted to an illegal council meeting without proper notice rather than whether their letter was justified.

The letter itself expressed concern that Byrd's characterization of his role in council was

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## Community Church Works To Give Help in Pandemic

by Jo-Anne Fournier

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) has been working hard to identify ways to help neighbors affected by the pandemic and raise funds during the holiday season. However, it was the support of many church members and friends in the community that made it a great success.

The group raised \$3,100 to purchase gift cards (Co-op Supermarket, Safeway, Giant and Target) distributed by school counselors to local families at Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary.

Another \$500 was donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Prince George's County, to help older teens who are aging out of the foster care system and need warm coats, hats and gloves for the winter.

Finally, \$1,033 or 5,169 pounds of donated clothing and



Keith Johnson poses with the 5,169 pounds of clothing and houseware items donated by Greenbelters.

houseware items were collected to Feed Our Hungry Neighbors. Value Village has a special program to make items no longer needed add up to real money.

## Covid-19 Vaccination Stats For Prince George's County

by Cathie Meetre

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Prince George's County is beginning to ramp up the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered, but seems to be behind most Maryland counties in the numbers of residents vaccinated, even bearing in mind possible reporting delays. The first few county vaccinations were given on December 16 and, as of January 12, the total vaccinated out of the county's population of just over 909K was 7,389 – which is less than one percent. The number of first vaccinations since

January 3 had seemed to be accelerating, reaching approximately 600 per day last week, but the numbers for the first two days of this week totaled only about 650 new first shots total, i.e., about 325 per day.

### County vs. State

The rate of vaccination in the county is significantly behind the statewide average. For example, the Eastern Shore region has vaccinated over 3 percent of its population. The National Capital Region – which includes Frederick, Montgomery and Prince George's counties – has

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## What Goes On

**Monday, January 18**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Offices Closed)  
**Wednesday, January 20**  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Comcast (Stakeholders)  
**Thursday, January 21**  
1 to 3 p.m. Free Produce Distribution at Community Center. All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



The flags at the Greenbelt Municipal Building are at half staff in honor of the Capitol Police officers who died due to the riot at the Capitol last week.

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## ERHS Mentoring Program Wins \$25K State Farm Grant

by Julie Rapp

A State Farm neighborhood assistance grant went to Imara (ee-mah-rah) Roose, a local mentoring program based at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The Imara Roose program was selected out of 2,000 applicants nationwide after a 10-day crowdsourcing campaign that solicited voting from the public; the program was voted in as one of the top 40 winners.

Imara Roose is a volunteer-based mentoring program for girls of color staffed by women of color. The program strives

to empower young Black and Brown girls so that they can break through career and professional barriers in society that exist as a result of systemic racism.

Halima Adenegan, founder and chief elevation officer of Imara Roose, is a first-generation American who was inspired to return to her alma mater, ERHS, to create a program that could be a resource for Black and Brown girls who have career ambitions and aspirations. The program prepares the

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Dog walker Mike Anderson takes his five charges through Roosevelt Center on a cold, wet and muddy Tuesday. Amazingly, every dog is still clean, for now.

PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR



# Letters to the Editor

## Greenbelt and Covid

Two out of every five families in Franklin Park are not paying their rent. Wow! I learned this from the one-liner, “[Franklin Park] closed its books at a 40 percent delinquency rate” in your article, Franklin Park Faces Multiple Pandemic-Enhanced Problems. This suggests consequences and questions worthy of consideration by the Greenbelt City Council and by the News Review:

How many had paying jobs that were cut by the lockdown effects of the virus?

How many saw their health insurance disappear along with their jobs?

How many have food insecurity, for example, now eating only two meals a day?

Has Franklin Park felt forced to cut its maintenance staff? The pay for Franklin Park’s workers comes from the rent money.

What are the answers for the rest of Greenbelt?

Good to read about Lore Rosenthal and Lucy Silver advocating against evictions, elsewhere in the News Review. Looking ahead to when people return to their paying jobs or businesses, how many will be able to afford to pay their back

rent or their back mortgages?

Susan Walker and Jim Fischer noted elsewhere in the News Review:

“\$440,000 from the Federal CARES Act helped 87 families avoid eviction by paying up to six months back rent.” This averages out to \$5000 per family. For most families, \$5000 is serious money. So that two out of every five families in Franklin Park are not paying their rent even after this important Federal CARES Act money. Susan Walker and Jim Fischer go on to say: “the future is still grim.” I agree.

I applaud all the good things being done to help the people of Greenbelt weather the catastrophic economic side-effects of the virus. I thank the News Review for informing us. Albeit, this is only the good part of the story. To what extent are the problems being solved? I request that the News Review provide more information on how badly people are hurting. This is my personal idea of balanced reporting.

Then there is Covid-19 itself. I request that the News Review provide a weekly update on the number of cases in town along with what is known about the virus finding and infecting workers and storeowners in Greenbelt

as well as the capacity of nearby hospitals to treat Greenbelters with the virus.

Jerome Dancis

## Landscaping Crew Deserves Thanks

According to the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the City of Greenbelt is not on the list of communities being treated for mosquitos and ticks. As a result, over the summer it is almost impossible to enjoy being outside in my own yard without millions of bug bites, and I constantly have to check my kids for ticks when they come in from playing.

With that said, I would like to express my appreciation to the hard-working landscape crews who are out there in all weather, keeping our grass trimmed and removing dead leaves to discourage ticks and rodents from the area. This also aids in drainage of pooling water (a huge issue in Greenbelt) which are breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes.

So, to those men and women out there keeping our neighborhood safe and clean, I say thank you.

Joe Parisi

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inappropriate in that his Facebook post stated, “I lead my city...” when in their view he does not lead or speak for the city, but presides over meetings and it is council, as a body and not as individuals, that legislates and sets policy. Although the mayor is the first among equals, the only thing he has authority to do without council consent is issue proclamations. The group signing the letter did not wish the mayor’s opinions to be taken as representing the view of council as a whole.

According to the Maryland Matters article, the letter from the five members of council to Lewis pointed out that, “They were his personal opinions which he is entitled to have,” but since “his comments and decision to post them were not run past the other

members of council and no vote was taken, they do not represent an official position of the Greenbelt City Council or of the City of Greenbelt.”

Byrd has since apologized for calling Lewis a cornball brother but not for the post itself.

As this played out in the meeting, tempers flared, councilmembers were shouting over each other and for some minutes it became impossible, especially over Zoom, to hear any coherent discussion. Occasional comments rose above the cacophony: Councilmember Leta Mach bewailed that the meeting would go on forever, Councilmember Edward Putens and others threatened to walk out. A motion was made for a 15-minute recess as a cooling off period. After several minutes council pulled itself together

and went forward in a relatively civil and subdued manner though the negative tone remained a strong undercurrent throughout the meeting, with several subsequent exchanges indicative of continued anger.

It’s not clear what became of the discussion about whether the five councilmembers had held an illegal meeting. Apparently, no conclusion was reached, although city solicitor Todd Pounds, stating that he hadn’t read the correspondence so he was only commenting in a general sense, was of the opinion that it did not necessarily constitute an illegal meeting.

City residents can view the recording of the council session at [greenbeltnmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas). The remainder of the meeting will be covered in a separate article in a later issue.

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girls for the likelihood that they will face barriers and challenges because of their race and gender.

In Swahili, imara means strong and resolute, characteristics Black and Brown girls will need to possess to succeed in the face of countless barriers to equitable access and opportunities. Staffed by volunteers who are young professional women of color, including both undergraduate and graduate students, Imara Roose has positively impacted over 100 girls.

Volunteer mentors use a research-based framework to support mentees with a focus on personal development, academic goals and professional aspirations. The high school girls receive guidance in the areas of college applications, scholarship essays, SAT preparation, professional networking, improving time management, and planning and organizational skills. The program offers

weekly meetings, where a range of topics from self-awareness to health and wellness are discussed. Imara Roose offers a College and Career Readiness Workshop to assist mentees with increasing academic engagement and college preparedness.

Through panels and field trips, Imara Roose’s career exploration component widens mentees’ exposure to and connections with professional fields in which they may have been traditionally underrepresented. Field trips have included visits to such places as the Supreme Court, the White House and Google. Each mentee can receive one-on-one support through the Bigs & Littles mentoring program. Imara Roose is open to all girls in grades 9 to 12 who attend ERHS.

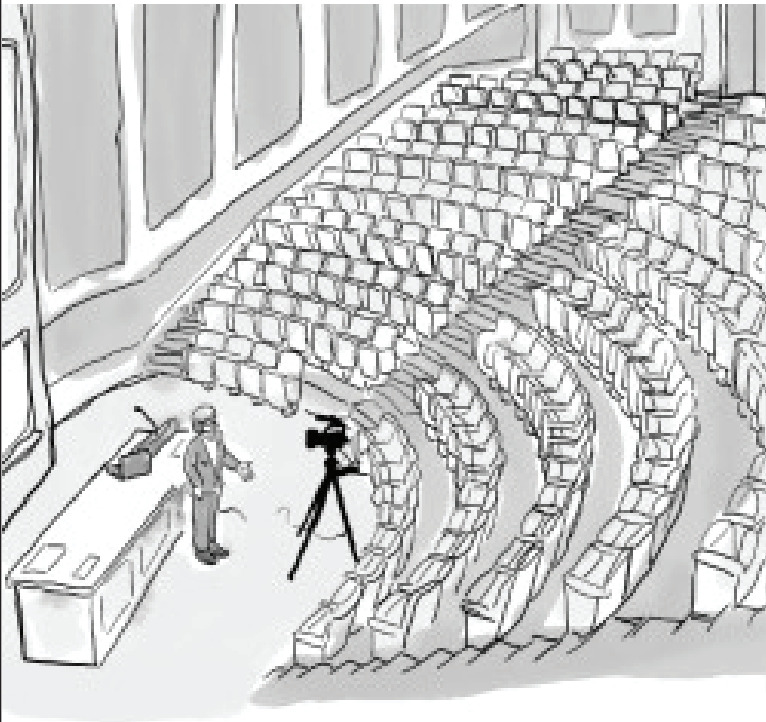
On Imara Roose’s website, Adenegan writes that, “We are doing this invaluable work be-

cause it is needed. Winning State Farm’s grant competition will serve as a true catalyst, better positioning us to scale, replicate and customize our model in schools and districts across the county.” Reginald McNeill, ERHS principal, praised Imara Roose saying, “Because of the young women who have volunteered over the years and continue to do so virtually during Covid-19, I’ve witnessed growth in countless students.”

More information about Imara Roose can be found at [imararoose.org](http://imararoose.org).



## Service or Garden Side?



Welcome, it looks like another full class this semester.

B. Glee

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# Community Events

## Reel and Meal, via Zoom Presents 4 Little Girls

On Monday, January 18, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reel and Meal will screen Spike Lee’s 1997 Academy-award nominated documentary, 4 Little Girls. The film begins at 7 p.m.; entry to the Zoom event starts at 6:45 p.m. Registration via [tinyurl.com/ReelandMealJan](https://tinyurl.com/ReelandMealJan) is required. A vegan meal option from Co-op is available, Macro Vegetarian’s Creamy Cashew Carbonara with a side salad. Phone in a pre-order to the Co-op deli at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. on Monday for pick-up between 4 and 7 p.m.

In 1963, four young Black girls were murdered in a bombing in the basement of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. This unconscionable act carried out by members of the Ku Klux Klan showed White America the evil hatred of racism in the South and throughout this country. The tragic deaths of Addie Mae Collins, Carol Denise McNair, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Rosamond Robertson helped ignite the Civil Rights Movement led by King, who described the bombing as “one of the most vicious and tragic crimes ever perpetrated against humanity.”

Spike Lee tells the story through interviews with the girls’ families and friends, civil rights leaders, politicians and journalists, using archival footage. He balances this horrific tale with poignant anecdotes bringing the four young girls to life within a broader social justice context.

Guest speaker, Fania E. Davis, will facilitate a post-film discussion. She holds a law degree from University of California-Berkeley and a Ph.D. in indigenous knowledge from the California Institute of Integral Studies. She is a long-time social justice activist, civil rights trial attorney, writer, restorative justice practitioner, and educator. For decades, she has been active in the civil rights, black liberation, women’s, prisoner’s, peace, anti-racial violence, economic justice and anti-apartheid movements. She serves as founding Director of Restorative Justice of Oakland Youth (RJOY) and co-founding board member of the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice. Davis’ work has been recognized with numerous awards.

Participation in January’s Reel and Meal is free, but a donation may be made to RJOY at [rjoy.org](https://www.rjoy.org).

Reel and Meal, a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, is organized by Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking, Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition. On the third Monday of every month, they present a film and discussion and encourage participants to enjoy a vegan meal to support their environmental, social justice and animal rights mission.

For further information on this month’s program, see Reel and Meal’s Facebook page or contact Cam MacQueen at 443-221-0519.



## Coalition Celebrates Treaty Ratification

On January 22, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which has now been ratified by 51 nation-states, will enter into effect, thereby making nuclear weapons internationally illegal. For those nations that are party to it, the treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons, as well as assistance and encouragement to the prohibited activities.

The Peace and Justice Coalition will distribute fliers in Roosevelt Center from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, to help spread the great news about this treaty. Come join in on Saturday in urging the United States to declare a “no first strike” policy, as a next step toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons. For more information, contact [donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net](mailto:donna.hoffmeister@verizon.net).

## Learn About Basic Composting, Recycling

On Sunday, January 24 at 7 p.m., Dr. Luisa Robles, the City of Greenbelt sustainability coordinator, will speak about basic composting at home and other options for composting in and near Greenbelt. She will also talk about some changes in recycling. This program is geared toward both experienced composters, who may want to share some experiences, to curious beginners. Questions and suggestions from participants are welcome and encouraged.

This environmental justice Zoom series is sponsored by the Green Teams of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ and the City of Greenbelt.

RSVP to Jane Young at [gccjane@aol.com](mailto:gccjane@aol.com) for Zoom information. To avoid problems, give your username as it will appear in Zoom, or your phone number if you will be calling in.

## Baking, Breaking Bread With Mishkan Torah

Imagine the wonderful smell of freshly baked sourdough bread wafting from the kitchen. Mishkan Torah’s President, Phil Williams, can help make it a reality.

Join Mishkan Torah to cook along with Phil, Sunday, January 24 at 12:30 p.m. Watch the process, ask questions, sharpen your kitchen skills and find the perfect way to brighten up a cold January day with a warm loaf of home-baked bread. Those registering for the event will receive the Zoom link, the recipe, and directions for creating the sourdough starter (takes about 6 days). To RSVP, email [WaysAndMeans2@MishkanTorah.org](mailto:WaysAndMeans2@MishkanTorah.org) or phone 301-474-4223. Classes are open to the entire community, and there is no charge. Donations are always welcome.

## At the Library

Curbside service (by appointment only) resumes on Wednesday, January 13, with the following schedule: Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m. External book return drops have also now reopened.

The Greenbelt Library recently modified its curbside pickup procedure. Items for pickup should be retrieved from the tables placed outside the lower-level entrance. There are signs on the tables indicating the four separate pickup spots. Customers arriving in a vehicle may park in the parking lot, but staff will not come to their vehicle. All customers must wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines to maintain a contact-free process.

Curbside service will continue during inclement weather unless conditions are deemed dangerous for staff and customers (e.g., thunderstorms, tornado warnings or ice storms).

Call 301-699-3500 and ask for Public Services or use the link at [pgcmls.info/contact-us](https://pgcmls.info/contact-us) for assistance.

All Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) students have access to the library’s online resources with their LINK card number. Adults may register for a free virtual library card or renew an existing card at [pgcmls.info](https://pgcmls.info). Customers may place new hold requests via the PGCMLS catalog ([catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris](https://catalog.pgcmls.info/polaris)) or the new Ask a Librarian Telephone Reference service at 240-455-5451. Upon notification of an item(s) availability, customers may book pickup appointments through the PGCMLS website ([pgcmls.info](https://pgcmls.info)) or the Telephone Reference service. Customers should note that while multiple notification messages may be received only one pickup appointment need be scheduled unless there are more than 50 items to be retrieved. Holds will expire after seven business days.

Biblio Consulta: The Library’s new Spanish language call center is available by calling 240-455-5451 (press option 2) Tuesdays through Fridays, 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Attention Birders

Greenbelt’s First Annual Big Year is here! Whoever records the most species of birds sighted in 2021 up until December 29 (the New Deal Café’s Birthday) will receive a gift certificate for dinner for two at the New Deal Café. There will be a citywide category and a backyard category. This contest will be only within the political boundaries of Greenbelt. Pictures are welcome but not required, the contest is on the honor system. What is required is a list of the birds sighted, the date and time sighted for each species and as close to an exact location as possible described.

## Democratic Club Pays Tribute to Doctor King

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, in concert with State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Alonzo Washington, Anne Healey and Nicole Williams, as well as other residents of Maryland’s 22nd Legislative District, will pay tribute to the life and spirit of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in a Zoom gathering on Monday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees must register by Saturday, January 16 at 2 p.m. by calling 301-858-3155 to receive the Zoom link. People can also reserve a Grab and Go Meal when registering for the event.

Each state representative will speak about the priceless contributions of King, as will a guest speaker of note. Previous keynote speakers have included Dr. Charlene Dukes, former president of Prince George’s Community College, and Dr. Alvin Thornton, former chair of the Prince George’s County Board of Education. It is always a surprise as to who has been selected to speak at this special event, so by all means, take advantage of this opportunity.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club was founded in 1976 to further the principles of the Democratic Party and to help elect its candidates in general elections. The club also helps organize poll workers. The Roosevelt Club serves western Prince George’s County, including areas in the 21st, 22nd and 47th State Legislative Districts. The club welcomes new members. For more information about the club and its activities, call Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369 or view the organization’s website at [rooseveltclub.com](https://rooseveltclub.com).

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## Golden Age Changes January 20 and 27

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club will not meet on January 20 due to the Presidential Inauguration holiday. January birthdays will be celebrated at the January 27 meeting. The virtual bingo originally scheduled for that date will be held during a February meeting.

The club has been meeting via Zoom or by telephone call-in for several months at its regular time: 11 a.m. each Wednesday. To join the Zoom or phone list, contact Rebekah Sutfin, therapeutic recreation supervisor (Senior & Inclusion Programs), at 240-542-2056 (leave a message) or at [RSUTFIN@Greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:RSUTFIN@Greenbeltmd.gov).



## Free Food

In celebration and recognition of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., national holiday and day of service, Monday, January 18, 10 a.m., Mel Franklin, Prince George’s County Councilmember at-Large, and Beltway Plaza sponsor “Feed the Community,” a drive-thru food giveaway (while supplies last) at the Beltway Plaza rear parking lot by AMC theaters.

## GHI Bike Committee Seeks New Members

A new year and new opportunities to use your time, talents and energy to help the GHI community. Consider volunteering with the GHI Bicycle Committee. The GHI community is home to a number of cyclists of all ages and abilities which, in turn, makes advocacy important. The committee seeks fresh new faces and ideas to make the community more bicycle friendly for everyone.

The committee meets the third Wednesday of the month, teleconferencing of course in the age of Covid-19. To learn more about how to volunteer, contact John Campanile, [jbelttower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelttower@yahoo.com); Diana McFadden, [bowregard2003@gmail.com](mailto:bowregard2003@gmail.com); Jackson Tan, [jackson.tan.bs@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.tan.bs@gmail.com) or contact the GHI Board Liaison, Bruce Mangum, [bmangum@ghi.coop](mailto:bmangum@ghi.coop).

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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections <b>From the GATe Archive</b>
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Mohammad Eskandari

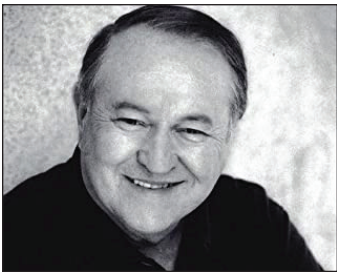


Mohammad Eskandari

Mohammad (Moe) Taghi Eskandari died peacefully on January 6, 2021. Born in Shahsavari, Iran, he came to the United States in 1969 to attend college at the University of Maryland. He met his future wife, Mary Jane, in Georgetown that same year, and they were inseparable since that time. He and Mary Jane graduated together and moved on to open a restaurant, Villa Sara, in Forestville, which operated for 20 years. Moe lived in Greenbelt from 1979 until his death.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jane, his son Eric, his daughter-in-law Jen, and his two grandchildren Alex and Anna. Formal services are not being held at this time.

Gerald Gough



Gerald Gough

Gerald Gough, 89, of Roseville, Calif., died on the morning of January 1, 2021. Jerry, as he was commonly known, was born in Fond du Lac, Wis., on August 12, 1931. A graduate of the Theatre Department at the University of Maryland, Jerry met his wife Kathrine Moore when they played the lead roles in "Picnic". Jerry and Kathrine remained married until her death in 2009.

The Goughs lived in Boxwood Village in Greenbelt for a number of years. Early in his career, Jerry taught history, government and politics classes at High Point High School in Beltsville and served as a legislative staffer for

the Maryland General Assembly. He was elected to the Greenbelt City Council in the 1960s and served as mayor pro tem. He spent the remainder of his long career in public service as a government relations officer for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro).

Jerry occasionally appeared in films, commercials and television shows as an actor. He was a member of SAG-AFTRA, serving on the board of the San Francisco-Northern California Local.

Jerry was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Rocklin, Calif., where he sang in the choir.

He is survived by daughters Maureen Decombe and Sally Wedemeyer, sons Michael and James Gough, grandsons Elias and Jerry Gough, Uncle Bernard Harlow, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at a future date.

Mary Renzi

Mary Renzi died on January 11, 2021, after a long bout with cancer. She was 43.

Mary grew up in a GHI home and attended Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School before moving to University Park when her mother remarried.

Even as a child, Mary was a singular personality: vibrant, fearless, capable, genuine, independent. She was kind, funny and curious – her friends loved her for her deep conversations and rolling-on-the-floor-laughing episodes.

She was the youngest girl on her youth soccer team, coached by her mother, Marie Hite Pichaske. But she also was one of the quickest, best and toughest. Mary always loved a good slide tackle!

She would carry that toughness, both mental and physical, into her adult years. Mary knew what she wanted from life. And even if it was not always (or even often) a traditional path, she pursued it – usually with great success.

Examples of this remarkable trait abound. While in high school, she travelled to the American Southwest on a camping trip with her stepfather and stepsister, during which she fell in love with the area and its rugged, serene beauty. When she graduated from high school, she attended Arizona State University (somewhat to her mother's chagrin, as it was 2,000 miles away).

In college, Mary's love of the area only grew, and she would spend most of the rest of her life in the Southwest.

What also grew in Arizona was her love of smart, non-traditional literature – the Beat Generation writers, for example, such as Jack Kerouac and William Burroughs. She majored in English at ASU and over the years, she developed into an accomplished short story writer. Her work was published in a variety of literary magazines, both online and in print.

At the same time, Mary nurtured her love of the outdoors and of a physical life. After some time working in a Tempe bookstore, she became a wildland firefighter with the National Park Service. It was a demanding career but one she loved. It took her to some of the country's wildest, most beautiful and iconic parks, including Zion, Crater Lake and Kings Canyon-Sequoia.

As in her childhood soccer days, Mary was one of the smallest members of her firefighter teams, and one of the only women. But she more than kept up with the big boys, hauling heavy chainsaws up steep mountains, and won the respect of every crew she worked with. At one

point, she was part of a Hotshot crew, elite firefighters that are often the first line of defense in major wildfires.

In her off season, Mary hopped into her '98 Toyota Tacoma and went wherever her soul desired!

Cancer forced Mary to leave her beloved Southwest a year ago, returning to live with her sister and her parents. Her battle with cancer was fierce but ultimately unsuccessful (a rarity for her), and she spent the last two weeks of her far-too-short life in hospice. During her battle, she was determined to educate others about the importance of the HPV vaccine and regular wellness visits in preventing the cervical cancer that eventually took her life.

Throughout her fight against cancer, family and friends from across the country rallied to support Mary, both virtually in a sometimes celebratory, sometimes heart-rending texting thread, sending meals and thoughtful gifts and spending time with Mary in person. Her mother, sister, aunt and a childhood friend made sure she was never alone during her time in hospice.

Mary is survived by her mother, Marie Pichaske; father, Peter



Mary Renzi (far right) with, from left, friends Jenny and Sarah, sister Nicole and (back) sister Lindsay Pichaske

Renzi; sister, Nicole Renzi Roder; brother, Peter Renzi; stepsister, Lindsay Pichaske; and stepfather, Pete Pichaske.

She was one of a kind, our Mary, as those who knew her can testify. She will not be forgotten.



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10 a.m. Sunday mornings

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January 17 10 a.m.

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The Bible Says...

This is good and acceptable in the sight of  
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Our sympathy to the family and friends of Moe Eskandari, a resident of Greenbrook and prior to that, Greenbriar, who died on January 6.

Condolences to the family and friends of Mary Renzi who died Monday, January 11. Mary grew up in Greenbelt, went to Greenbelt Center and Middle schools and played kids soccer here.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Gerald Gough who died in California on January 1. Mr. Gough served on the Greenbelt City Council in the 1960s.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



City Notes

Public Works tended unmarked graves at Turner Cemetery, clearing fallen leaves. Refuse/Recycling collected 27.26 tons of refuse and 11.11 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance repaired the Municipal Building furnace. A kitten was adopted, leaving four cats and three dogs in the Animal Shelter.

Youth Center activities are restricted by Covid-19. Preschool programs, Mom’s Morning Out and winter classes began and registration continues. The Aquatic & Fitness Center fitness wing reopened.

Twenty-nine visual arts programs are rolling out, including online after-school arts programs for Springhill Lake Elementary School and a painting workshop for Girl Scouts.

Therapeutic Recreation facilitated a New Year’s party for 12 Golden Agers. Food and Friendship meals went to 40 home-bound seniors.

Museum staff researched and blogged about Greenbelt’s New Year’s Eve celebrations over the years.

Park Rangers observed many parent-supervised play groups, with masks worn by most parents but few youngsters.

CARES’s Judy Hering met with University of Maryland’s Terps 4 Change to restart the tutoring partnership.

**Connect Across Greenbelt**

Gain more support in 2021 by deepening community connections. Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. A multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of Greenbelters, CAG is working to enhance quality of life through connections and relationships. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group is building a Caring and Connecting Toolkit ([bit.ly/CAGtoolkit](https://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit)) in association with leading mental health and community health leaders.

To find out about the group’s upcoming monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email [communityconnections@gb@gmail.com](mailto:communityconnections@gb@gmail.com).



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 18-22**

Monday, January 18, **MLK HOLIDAY-NO MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Proposed Police Reform*

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** *On the Agenda: Update of the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan and Planning Department Update*

Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** *On the Agenda: Greenbelt Senior Softball Review, 2021 PRAB Initiatives, Recreation Department Update*

Wednesday, January 20 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Comcast**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)*

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).*

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE**

**Monday, January 18, 2021 from 10am-1pm**

**Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road**

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive vines at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms
- Limit to 25 volunteers

To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)



**THE MONTHLY PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION IS BACK WITH A NEW LOCATION!**

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**JANUARY 21, 2021**

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- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force
- Youth Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**

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Certificates of completion awarded for participation in ALL NINE sessions.

**Emergency Diaper Pick-Up**

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George's county families by distributing diapers on

**Thursday, January 21st**



Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate, proof of Prince George's residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George's county residential address). No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/aUsYTRpmCAN9B4te6> Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.

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**Find out more at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/donations).**

You can also mail a money order or check to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Road 20770. Please notate which fund in the notes section of the check. You may also use the drop box on the flag side of the building. Receipts will be provided and mailed out to you.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of January 18

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 22

**ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT**

**RECYCLING**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!*

Accepted items include: CPUs, monitors, key-boards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, wires and power cords. Expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6). NO Styrofoam cups, egg cartons or food trays. SORRY, ALKALINE BATTERIES AND TUBE TVs ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.



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Cost—\$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$50 service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC

**Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153**



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police) Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Carjacking/Shooting

January 1, 12:05 a.m., Breeze-wood Court near Edmonston Ter- race. The man reported that he met a girl on a dating app and arranged to meet her. After he ar- rived at the agreed upon location, three men approached and one attempted to pull him out of his vehicle. A struggle ensued and he was able to drive away. He then heard two gunshots and real- ized he had been shot. He drove himself to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

### Robbery

January 6, 1:10 p.m., 5917 Cherrywood Terrace. A man wearing all black clothing ap- proached another man who was taking out trash in front of 5917 Cherrywood Terrace. When the approaching man got close enough, he placed an ob- ject against the other man, who believed it to be a gun, and an- nounced a robbery. He then took the man's cellphone and fled on foot.

January 6, 1:30 p.m., 6038 Greenbelt Road. Three men en- tered the lobby ATM of Bank of America and began punching a man. He was able to fight them off and they fled on foot. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

### Assault

December 31, 8:22 a.m., 9210

Edmonston Road. A 32-year-old resident was arrested and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault and use of a fire- arm in a crime of violence after he allegedly threatened another person during a verbal alterca- tion. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Theft

January 5, 1:10 p.m., 6010 Springhill Drive. A package was removed from the front stoop of a residence.

### Burglary

January 1, 11:07 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A televi- sion, two laptop computers and other items were taken after a possibly unlocked residence was entered.

### Vehicle Crime

A black 2018 Honda Accord with Maryland tags 5DR9096 was stolen from 6002 Springhill Drive on December 31. It had been left unlocked and engine running, with the key in the igni- tion.

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles on December 31, one at 7810 Walk- er Drive and the other at 6320 Golden Triangle Drive.

A rear window was broken out at 5919 Cherrywood Terrace and money was removed.

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vaccinated only 1.55 percent. It is reasonable to assume that Prince George's, with less than 1 percent vaccinated to date, is reducing that average, that is, the other two counties are doing far better. Western and Southern Maryland have vaccinated 2.66 and 2.83 percent of their popula- tions, respectively.

The day on which the most vaccines to date have been given was last Friday, January 8, when 785 people received their first jab. In contrast, on Monday and Tuesday, January 11 and 12, the total for the two days was only 369. On the other hand, second doses are increasing rapidly as the earliest recipients become eligible for their second shot.

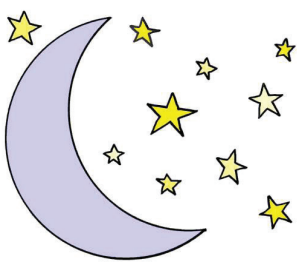
### Who's Getting the Shots?


Almost twice as many women as men in the county have been vaccinated, representing perhaps the larger proportion of women working in healthcare contexts or in care homes. In terms of race, nearly 3,000 African Americans have received vaccinations com- pared to 1,100 whites and about 600 and 550, respectively, of individuals of Asian and Hispanic origin. Over 1,300 individuals did not identify their race. With almost 20 percent of doses going to individuals whose race is not identified, it is not possible to accurately determine proportions by race.

### Workers First

In Prince George's County, the majority of vaccinations have gone to individuals of working age, with approximately 6,000 of first vaccinations going to people 20 to 69. So far, only a few more than 600 vaccinations have been administered to people over 70. This likely represents the ini- tial push to vaccinate workers in contexts where they may spread the virus from one vulnerable person to another – rather than to serve the vulnerable people themselves.

Data comes from the Prince George's County Covid-19 vaccine dashboard on the web at [princegeorges.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8e4e6b3e9b2d4284aad85c8f473326e4](http://princegeorges.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8e4e6b3e9b2d4284aad85c8f473326e4). It is always likely that reporting may lag behind these collected statistics. Statistics for the State of Maryland and its regions are available at [coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine](http://coronavirus.maryland.gov/#Vaccine).





PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**A. GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**

- Approve Motion to Hold Executive Session Meeting on January 21, 2021

**B. GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns (closed to members and visitors)**

- Contract for Tub-Reglazing – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Consent agenda)
- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on December 17, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Informal Hearing Held on December 14, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Informal Hearing Held on December 28, 2020
- Member Financial Matters

**C. GHI Regular Open Session Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to members and visitors)**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on January 21, 2021
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting Held on December 17, 2020
- Review Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting Held on October 29, 2020
- Resolution of Incomplete HIP Components
- Consider Next Steps in the Planning Process for a Future Domestic Water/Waste Pipe Replacement Project
- Consideration of a Pilot Project to Electrify GHI Garages
- Preparations for the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting
- Consider Actions to Overcome Investment Restrictions Imposed by the Prudent Person Rule
- Substitute Holidays for Staff During 2021


Contact information for attending the Open Session Meetings, which will be held via a Zoom electronic platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is as follows:

Topic: GHI Board of Directors Meeting  
Time: Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Upper Level One Bedroom** GHI home with full-sized washer and dryer in separate laundry room. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!  
**2 BR Townhome** Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Priced to sell at \$124,900

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# GHI Woodlands Committee Updates Hillside Tunnel Trail

by Matthew Arbach

“Come enjoy the path!” says Bryan Bruns of the GHI Woodlands Committee regarding the newly improved woodlands trail reroute near the tunnel. In the parcel bounded by Research, Ridge, Laurel Hill and Hillside Roads, the trail begins at the west end of 3 Court Laurel Hill, moving south to the tunnel under Hillside Road, eventually connecting to the multi-use path through the Firefly Sanctuary in the Stream Valley Park. Said Bruns, “for those who like longer walks, it forms part of a longer loop with the inner walkways between the GHI townhomes that leads over to the Greenbelt Museum, Braden Athletic Fields, St. Hugh’s Church and returns to the Stream Valley Park. The new section of the rerouted trail is about 150 feet long. Greenbelt and GHI now have an attractive new stretch of woodland trail, enhancing our walkable green community.”

It was erosion of the trail linking 3 Court Laurel Hill Road and the Hillside Road tunnel that prompted the Woodlands Committee to first consider this improvement. This erosion had led to the formation of a gully after a heavy rainfall. An earlier idea was to install waterbars in order to divert this water. Yet, due to the propensity for sediment accumulation and the need for vigilant maintenance, this idea was set aside in favor of building a new trail route.

Said Bruns, the process of construction began with “a rough alignment of the proposed new trail.” Valuable plant species were identified for preservation by knowledgeable volunteers. Small wire and plastic flags were placed along the proposed stretch as well as signs announcing the development and encouraging public input. Large logs and bushes were cleared. While the pandemic forestalled this group work initially, outdoor social distancing measures allowed it to continue. Further cutting of bushes and branches was followed by the clarification of the trail tread and the laying down of wood chips. A curved design aids in the shedding of water, as well as respecting the tree alignments and being “fun to walk.”

Said Bruns, “developing the trail reroute was a team effort, including the official members of the committee and various others who contributed ideas and effort.”

Community participation in the maintenance of this trail and other GHI woodland and common areas is encouraged. Those interested can be part of the Woodland Workdays (refer to GHI E-News for dates) or can contact the Woodlands Committee for more information on becoming caretakers in the woodlands or pocket gardens in the common

spaces (see [ghi.coop/content/woodlands-committee](http://ghi.coop/content/woodlands-committee)).

Katie Pugliese said, in a letter to the Greenbelt News Review, that her two grandchildren have visited several times now, that it has “a whimsical, storybook quality to it,” and that “the kids practically dance down the winding trail.” She thanked GHI “for providing such a fun outdoor space. In these crazy pandemic times, we need outdoor places like this to enliven our imagination and spirit.”



- Photos by  
Lori Dominick



The new trail is marked off with flags.



The Woodlands Committee notifies trail users about the reroute.

The old trail is compacted by usage and eroded by run-off from rain.

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